

## King's Children.

### NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT.

Another National Convention is on hand, and with it will come our joys and possibly some disappointments. I always look forward to the convention with fond anticipation meeting, our workers, and enjoying a feast with them, and the only chance for disappointment in this will be that some of our workers will possibly not be there. Our beloved work has prospered the past year far beyond my most sanguine expectations. The King's Children Society is no longer an experiment but has proven a most decided success, and demonstrated its power in the work of the church. And eternity alone will reveal the good it has done already. We have a good program and now all that remains to insure success at our convention, is that each society and delegates and those that do not send delegates should send us written letters as we would be very glad to have such a report, if we cannot have you with us personally.

Our society is one of the most liberally organized young people's organization in the country, and has a good record so far in its work as the most progressive could desire. I am not a little surprised to see that a certain writer has assumed that "The movement in our church, has suffered because the K. C. society has been kept from the *wider inspiration of world wide fellowship*, and know but little of the doings of *Christian* young people." I wonder if the brother has entertained the idea that our young people were *not Christian*? I wonder also, if he has found any powers holding them from association with any good Christian Society? Indeed is it possible that their work has been placed outside the pales of Christianity? On the contrary, is it not a fact that our K. C. Society has been engaged in a most decidedly Christian work, and that work has been most wonderfully blessed?

Anyone who cares to be rightly informed may turn to page 10 of our Constitution in Art. 14, Sec. 2, and see that we have provided ample that our members may engage in the work with any other society for Christian Endeavor. Now we have put up no bars and do not expect to do so. If any other society will not let us work with them, they are the ones that have put up the bars, and not we. There is not an exclusive paragraph in our entire Constitution. And no one can justly accuse us of narrowness or of limiting the privileges of our members. You cannot partake of a Roman Catholic communion unless you have been sprinkled by the

priest. As for myself, I am satisfied that the "Bread that we break with the blessing of God," is Christian communion. But enough of this, we have better things to speak of. If our fellowship is not world wide it is because the world has not all been, as yet, brought into the *Koinonia* of his Gospel. Now let us go to work for the harvest is white, and the reapers are few.

There will be a full supply of K. C. requisites for sale at the Convention, and we hope to have the revised edition of the Constitution ready by that time, and also the Topic Cards for next year. We aim to be prepared to supply you with anything in our line that you may desire, and we will also receive subscriptions for the paper, and those who owe us an account may pay there.

In regard to the time that will be given, and the days on which the King's Children sessions will be held, we will announce at an early period in the Convention week. We think that we can arrange to give all the time that will be profitable and will continue the sessions until we get through, if that takes all summer. Come one, come all, bring your good qualities with you, drop the bad overboard on the way. Don't forget that our Convention will be an educational and spiritual assembly, and not a legislature. Write good papers on living plans of work, inspiring papers on inspiring subjects, and drive dull care away.

J. O. TALLEY.

## Sisters' S. C. E.

### FROM THE PRESIDENT.

In last week's paper, Brother Gnagey says in regard to the coming conference, "Our sisters have not yet asked for anything," and Brother Myers thinks we ought to have a day for our work. Yes, we believe we could spend a day very pleasantly and profitably in the interests of the S. S. C. E., but we have not had the courage to ask for it. Last year we did ask for half a day, but I don't think the request was taken into consideration at all. At any rate it was not granted, and we were obliged to call two sessions of the sisters apart from the general conference for our work. It of course deprived us of some of the pleasures of the conference, but the results as we now see them, of the work done by the sisters in those sessions, more than compensate us for our loss.

Though the work of this year has not been all we could wish, yet in some respects it has been beyond our expectations. Though in some of our churches

where there ought to be strong, active, energetic societies, we have failed to organize; at other places where we hardly dared hope to accomplish anything, there are now good working societies. Since last conference the number has been more than doubled, and many of the new societies have in their work exceeded their own and our expectations. A few,—only three that I know of, drew one breath and died. The reports are now coming in from all directions, and many of them are very encouraging. Our vice-president, in a letter received last night, says, "Surely we have reason to be grateful for the growth of this work during the last three years, and particularly this year."

The work is becoming more systematized, more general interest is being manifested, more encouragement is being given by the brethren, and all in all, the outlook is brighter than ever before. Sister Julia Lowman, president of the new society at West Alexandria, says, "We feel that the society is just what we need, and we pray that God will bless it and that we may be a strong band of workers in our Master's vineyard." Such letters from sisters are very encouraging, and we wish that many more were written. Though we cannot find time to answer all, we appreciate them none the less. We wish too, that our sisters would tell us through the EVANGELIST, more of what they are doing, and how they are succeeding. Tell us your method of work. They will be ful to others. It will cost you only a little effort, and may do much good.

And now one last appeal to you, dear Christian Endeavorers, in regard to donations to be sold at conference. Many questions have been asked me as to what kind of articles to donate. On this we wrote before, but will say again,—donate something that will be useful,—aprons, bonnets, children's clothing, pillow cases, bureau scarfs, etc. Let each one donate something. It will cost you but little,—the aggregate may mean quite a sum for the S. S. C. E. treasury. It is your privilege to say for what purpose the money received for your article shall be used, whether for mission work, for the Theological chair, or super-annuated minister's fund, but we hope you will be somewhat partial to the Theological chair, as that is the greatest need at present. Let us each do something, that when conference is ended, and the report published, we shall have something to be proud of.

May God fill us with his spirit, and make us all loving, earnest workers for him and his cause.

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